

PREPARING FOR HARD WORK.

SENATE IS CLEARING CALENDAR AND WILL BE READY TO BEGIN DEBATES BY END OF WEEK.

Expected That Fire Insurance Bills Will Pass, Both Houses With Little Opposition—Women and Men Lobbying for Passage of Equal Suffrage Bill—Many Bills Introduced.

(By Joe Sparks.)

Columbia, Jan. 11.—Work in the senate is gradually getting under way and by the end of the week the calendar should be cleared for legislation with dispatch. With the decks cleared of acts held over in the governor's office and sustained by the house in vetoes and the insurance atmosphere dissipated, legislation should take definite form rapidly. Disposition is to restrict legislation into limited channels, the impression prevailing that the bulk of interest will center about finances, prohibition, agricultural effort to withstand invasion by the boll weevil and provision for charitable and educational institutions. Seven bills were introduced by Senator Laney of Chesterfield. These were of minor importance in insurance regulation.

In a message from the governor yesterday, the compromise bills, agreed upon by the commission of legislators and insurance men, were transmitted, and recommendation by the governor was that they should be enacted into law without amendment.

Senators Christensen and Sherrard introduced today the bill calling for the establishment of a training school for feeble minded. This calls for an appropriation of \$80,000.

There is every indication that the set of fire insurance measures proposed in the senate will be passed by the general assembly. While the companies have made no announcement, it is believed that they will return to the state, if the bills are enacted. Gov. Manning in his special message recommended that the bills be enacted without amendment. All interests seem to be satisfied with the measures and so far no opposition has developed. The honor and dignity of the state has been protected as well as the interests of the people. The measures will be favored in the senate by Senator G. K. Laney of Chesterfield who introduced and had passed the bill. The measure caused the insurance companies to withdraw from the state.

The senate will next week begin discussion of the insurance bills and definite action will be taken in a few days. The several acts represent much study and thought.

This will not be a spectacular session of the legislature. Everything is running smoothly and both houses have gotten down to work in a remarkably short time. There are no great divisions in the houses and few great issues are to be decided. There will be no split over the fire insurance question. Whiskey may cause some talk, yet it is believed that no drastic action will be taken. A new measure will be passed in the house, very probably reducing the amount to one quart a month. However, this bill will never be enacted by the senate. The effort to secure high license for the city of Charleston will not be successful. A definite whiskey legislative programme has not yet been outlined by the leaders.

The proponents of equal suffrage have stormed the state house in a spirited fashion. A great lobby is being conducted and not a member is allowed to escape the argument of the score or more women who are fighting for the dear cause. The women are asking that the question of equal suffrage be referred to the people of the state for a vote. The outcome is problematical.

WORK IN THE HOUSE.

Speaker Hoyt's appointments held the interest of the house of representatives yesterday. The lower body also saw the introduction of a number of bills, some of State-wide concern, and decided, after some debate, to go to Charleston January 24.

The mayor, city council and two State institutions of Charleston extended an invitation to the legislators for Wednesday of week after next. There was a rather lively debate, first on the question of acceptance, and second on the day. An amendment by Representative Moore changed the time to Friday, January 26, and in this form it passed. Later Representative Young of the Charleston delegation explained that the federal boat, Cypress, on which it was intended to take the members around the harbor would not be available except on January 24, and so the date was definitely settled for then.

A minute before adjournment yesterday afternoon Representatives Boyd and Walker introduced a bill which, if passed, would abolish the State warehouse system. The bill will be sponsored in the senate by Mr. Lee.

Representative Horton has been named as floor leader for equal suffrage in the house. He introduced a resolution yesterday, which would submit to the people a constitutional amendment in the general election in 1918 extending the vote to women. Among the prominent equal suffrage workers at the State house yesterday was Mrs. Harriet Powe Lynch of Cheraw, State president. A number of women wore yellow badges with the inscription, "Votes For Both."

Representative Lesene would have the people vote on the question of a constitutional convention and has introduced a resolution accordingly.

The two cent rate bill made its expected appearance in the house yesterday. This year it is fathered by Representatives Moore and Hamblin.

"What they voted for at the ballot—strict prohibition," was the way a memorial from citizens of the Ninety-Six district of Greenwood county expressed their wants on the whiskey question. The memorial was read to the house yesterday.

Two State highway department bills came up in the house yesterday, one by the Chester delegation and one by Representative Berry of Orangeburg, speaker pro tem.

LEGISLATIVE ELECTION DAY.

Columbia, Jan. 12.—Wednesday noon was designated for elections. A superintendent of the State penitentiary to succeed Captain D. J. Griffith, a warehouse commissioner to succeed John L. McLaurin, four circuit judges to succeed M. L. Smith, Fifth circuit; Thomas H. Sease, Seventh circuit; R. W. Memminger, Ninth circuit, and George E. Prince, Tenth circuit are to be elected. Three directors of the penitentiary are also to be chosen and four trustees of the medical college.

FREE RENT FOR OPERATIVES.

Columbia, Jan. 12.—A bill providing for free rent for all textile operatives was introduced in the house today by J. T. Hamblin, of Union. Mr. Hamblin stated that this was in the direction of a minimum wage and applied to operatives actually employed in the textile mills of the State.

A concurrent resolution, passed by the senate yesterday, preventing the adjournment sine die on or during any Saturday night was concurred in by the house this morning.

The judiciary committee of the house gave a favorable report to the bill amending the present delinquent law, as to provide a 5 per cent. penalty for non-payment of taxes after January 1st each year.

WHITE SLAVE ACT.

Columbia, Jan. 12.—A bill applying the terms of the Mann act, known as the "White Slave" act, to South Carolina with stringent provisions to prevent immoral acts within the borders of the State, was introduced in the house today by Mr. Neuffer of Abbeville.

The measure makes it a felony to "procure," "entice" or "persuade" any woman or girl into immorality or a life of prostitution. It forbids the payment of railroad fares of women for immoral purposes to any place within the State. The measure prohibits the knowing operation or in any way assisting in the operation of a house of "ill fame" or establishment to which women are brought or transported for immoral purposes. The measure carries a maximum penalty of \$500 fine or one year imprisonment.

Columbia, Jan. 12.—A bill prohibiting the shipment into South Carolina of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal or sacramental purposes was introduced in the house today by W. R. Richey, Jr., of Laurens, who is admittedly a Bleasde leader.

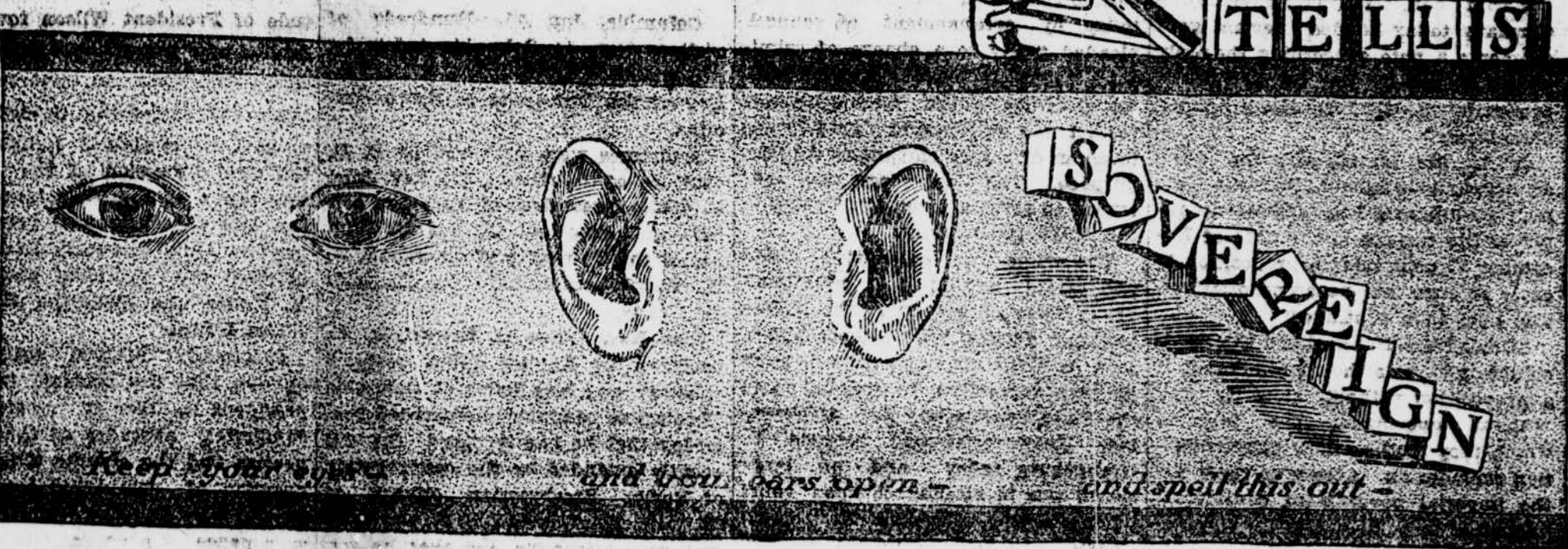
The house adopted a concurrent resolution designating noon Wednesday for balloting for four circuit judges, three directors of the State penitentiary, four trustees of the State Medical College and State Warehouse Commissioner.

A resolution was adopted by the house placing January 26 as the last day in which the counties can present their sections for the general supply bill.

After the house had canvassed the returns and declared Richard I. Manning elected governor and A. J. Bethea lieutenant governor, the house adjourned until 8 p. m. Monday. Messrs. Moise, Rogers and Passaluniga were appointed a house committee on inaugural exercises next Tuesday.

The Rt. Rev. William T. Russell, who was recently appointed bishop of Charleston, will be consecrated at the Cathedral in Baltimore by His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, on May 15th. The ceremony of installation will be held at the Cathedral in Charleston on Monday, 22nd, following the consecration, and the exercises will be presided over by Cardinal Gibbons. A number of the laymen of the diocese of Charleston together with the clergy are expected to be present at the ceremonies in both Baltimore and Charleston.

Down South We Learn To Spell



I can spell my name: S-O-V-E-R-E-I-G-N. And I know what it means—good blood and right stock—the finest ever!

My! Isn't there a lot to learn? Have to keep your eyes and ears open. And the Governor says you can't get it all out of books.

My folks keep telling me: "Remember you are a Southern

gentleman. Be clean; be sweet; be good. A good cigarette burns to a smooth, even ash—it never parches the tongue nor dries the throat."

So I'm saying to you—it doesn't matter how you spell cigarette, if you pronounce it—SOVEREIGN. You can rely on real old, smooth, mellow Virginia and Carolina tobacco. Quality tells—and

You Folks of the South KNOW good blood!
You Folks of the South KNOW good tobacco!

Now let's all us good folks stick together. Let us be friends—and you bet I, SOVEREIGN, will never fail you. And besides, just keep this always in your mind—

I am guaranteed by *The American Tobacco Co.* —Buy me. If you don't like me return me to your dealer and get your money back. I have said it. A Southern gentleman is known the world over for keeping his word, and I have given you mine.

Sovereign Cigarettes

FOR THE GENTLEMAN OF THE SOUTH
"King of Them All"

KILLED IN SANTO DOMINGO.

Lieut. Karl Bolton Was Native of Greenwood and Graduate of Citadel in Last Year's Class.

Greenwood, Jan. 11.—Second Lieut. J. Karl Bolton of the United States marine corps, a native of Greenwood met his death at San Pedro Macoris, Santo Domingo. Lieut. Bolton landed with a detachment of marines and was fired upon by a crowd on dock. This information was officially telegraphed the navy department by Capt. Chandler of the battleship New Hampshire.

Shot by Native Boy.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Lieut. J. K. Bolton was killed and Lieut. J. R. Henley was wounded recently by shots fired at a landing party of United States marines by a native boy of Macoris, Santo Domingo. In reporting the incident to the navy department today, Capt. Chandler of the battleship New Hampshire did not indicate that there had been any general clash between the marines and the natives.

Mr. W. McD. Green, of Ocala, Fla., is out on a visit to relatives and friends and gave us a pleasant call last Saturday. A sojourn in the "land of flowers" has greatly improved his health. His family is still up among the mountains of North Carolina. We hope it will not be long before we will have him back in Lee county.—Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.

GERMAN CONSULS RELIEVED.

Bopp and Von Schack, German Agents at San Francisco, Removed Pending Appeal.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today informed the State department in a note that he had relieved from duty Franz Bopp and E. H. von Schack, respectively consul general and vice consul at San Francisco, recently convicted of violating the neutrality of the United States by conspiring to destroy munitions consigned to the entente allies.

STATE'S NEW ENTERPRISES.

D. C. Shaw President of Clarendon Motor Company.

Columbia, Jan. 12.—The South Carolina Lumber Vulcanizing corporation of Charleston has been chartered by the Secretary of State with a capital stock of \$300,000. The officers are: F. K. Fish, Jr., president and secretary and L. H. Fish, vice president and treasurer.

The Graniteville Manufacturing company filed notice of an increase in capital stock from \$826,000 to \$1,026,000. The new stock will be "seven per cent. cumulative preferred stock."

The Clarendon Motor company has been chartered with a capital of \$2,000. The officers are: D. C. Shaw, president and J. C. Plowden, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

GOOD SHOWING FOR BANK.

Annual Meeting of the "Farmers" Held at Olanta.

Olanta, Jan. 14.—At the sixth annual stockholders' meeting of the Farmers' Bank, held Tuesday, the cashier's report showed that the bank had made during 1916 \$4,151.33, which was a fraction above 16 per cent. The directors ordered \$2,000, or 8 per cent, paid out to the stockholders; \$1,000 placed to the surplus fund, and the residue, \$1,151.33, carried as undivided profits.

The Farmers' Bank has a capital of \$25,000 and each year since its organization in 1911, excepting the first, it has made from 12 to 27 1-2 per cent. on every dollar of its capital. This town has a population of 350, and this is the younger bank here. The following are the directors elected for the year 1917:

W. H. Floyd, S. R. Floyd, R. E. Smith, Sr., B. F. Truluck, B. M. Truluck, M. E. Truluck, W. D. Truluck, S. J. Tomlinson and S. W. Young.

The directors reelected S. J. Tomlinson, president; R. E. Smith, Sr., vice president; R. E. Smith, Jr., cashier, and F. A. Munn, assistant cashier.

The finance committee, R. E. Smith, Sr., S. J. Tomlinson and S. W. Young, serving ever since the organization of the bank, were again re-elected.

NEW MINERAL DISCOVERY IS CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

A Solution Which is Becoming Famous in the Treatment of This Awful Affliction.

No need to suffer the pains of rheumatism. They can be reached, helped and cured by a most wonderful product which is compounded by nature, and is more potent than any other compound which has been made by man.

Sulferro-Sol goes directly to the seat of trouble and makes its healing power felt almost at once.

It is not strange that nature should provide the remedy for her own afflictions it is only strange that people will not believe that it has been provided. Hundreds of sufferers who did not believe and used this nature remedy are now testifying in grateful terms of the immense good the remedy has done them.

Sulferro-Sol is absolutely natural, no drugs or chemicals are added to it, and it does not contain even a drop of alcohol. A few drops are perfectly safe to give the baby for dysentery or anaemia and will bring quick relief. In hundreds of Southern families Sulferro-Sol is the family stand by.

Sulferro-Sol is sold and recommended by every Druggist in Sumter and vicinity. Murray Drug Co., State Distributors.